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Office Action Summary

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10/697,005

Applicant(s)

NOZAKI ET AL.

Examiner

Kim T. Nguyen

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 August 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☒ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 8/10/04, 10/22/04, 5/5/05
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Examiner acknowledges receipt of the preliminary amendment on 8/10/04.
According to the amendment, and claims 1-6 are pending in the application.

Priority

1. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority based on an application filed in 2002-335610 on 11/19/02. It is noted, however, that applicant has not filed a certified copy of the 2002-335610 application as required by 35 U.S.C. 119(b).

Specification

2. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. **Claims 1-4 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kodachi et al (EP 1054368).**

Claims 1, 2 and 6: Kodachi discloses a gaming machine comprising game result display means 63L, 63C, 63R (Fig. 1) for displaying a game result; beneficial state

generating means 200 (Fig. 3) for generating a beneficial state for a player when a specific game result is displayed on the game result display means (abstract; col. 34, lines 33-35); and demonstration display control means 200, 304 (Fig. 3) for controlling the game result display means (col. 7, lines 17-20); internal winning combination determination means for determining an internal winning combination (paragraph 0074); and game result display control means for controlling the game result display means based on a determined result by the internal winning combination determination means (paragraph 0076); the demonstration display control means controls the game result display means based on information concerning with the internal winning combination included in the information concerning with the game (paragraphs 0077 and 0083).

Claim 3: Kodachi discloses that the demonstration display control means does not control the game result display means when the information concerning with the internal winning combination indicates that a specific winning combination is the internal winning combination (paragraph 0124).

Claim 4: Kodachi discloses controlling the game result display means for displaying a specific demonstration display mode (paragraphs 0083 and 0087).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole

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would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

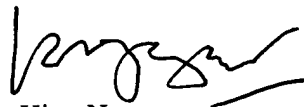
6. Claims 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kodachi et al (EP 1054368) in view of Loose et al (US 6,517,433).

Claim 5: Loose discloses including first display means and second display means as claimed (Figs. 2a and 2b). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include the first display and the second display as taught by Loose in the gaming machine of Kodachi in order to facilitate providing game information to the player.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kim Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-4441. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday during business hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Xuan Thai, can be reached on 571-272-7147. The central official fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Date: March 3, 2006


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